

BUDGET WEEK

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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT

1) Electing Members to the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee on the Library (H.Res. 134).



This resolution has no budget implications.

2) Permitting the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to Designate Another Member of the Committee to Serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in Place of the Chairman (S.Con.Res. 20).



This resolution has no budget implications.

SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) Providing for the Acceptance of a Statue of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Presented by the People of Kansas, for Placement in the Capitol (H.Con.Res. 84). This resolution has no budget implications.



2) To Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to Provide Supplemental Funding and Other Services That Are Necessary to Assist the State of California or Local Educational Agencies in California in Providing Educational Services for Students Attending Schools Located Within Yosemite National Park (H.R. 620).

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds to the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District and the Mariposa Unified School District in California for educational services for students who: 1) are dependents of persons engaged in the administration, operation, and maintenance of Yosemite National Park; or 2) live at or near the Park on Federal property. The bill does not increase direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or reduce revenue.

3) To Revise the Boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona (H.R. 788).



This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire 152 acres of private land in exchange for 370 acres in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and to revise the boundary of the Recreation Area accordingly. The Budget Committee expects that this bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.

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4) To Promote Department of the Interior Efforts to Provide a Scientific Basis for the Management of Sediment and Nutrient Loss in the Upper Mississippi *River Basin* (H.R. 961).



This bill directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a sediment and nutrient monitoring network for the Upper Mississippi River Basin. The bill authorizes \$6.25 million of appropriations annually to the United States Geological Survey to implement this monitoring network. An additional \$650,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the National Research Council to assess the design of the network. This bill does not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

5) Recognizing the Social Problem of Child Abuse and Neglect, and Supporting Efforts to Enhance Public Awareness of the Problem (H.Res. 113).



This resolution has no budgetary implications.

6) Recognizing and Supporting the Goals and Ideals of "National Runaway Prevention Month" (H.Res. 57).



This resolution has no budgetary implications.

7) To Express Support for the Celebration in 2004 of the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Excursion of 1854 (H.Con.Res. 44).



This resolution has no budgetary implications.

8) To Redesignate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building" (H.R. 825). This bill has no budgetary implications.



9) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building" (H.R. 917). This bill has no budgetary implications.



10) To Designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service Located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office" (H.R. 981).



This bill has no budgetary implications.

LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

Bill: Small Pox Vaccination Compensation Fund Act.

Committee: **Energy and Commerce**

Summary: At the time of publication, the legislative text of the bill was not available. The Budget

Committee believes that this bill is intended to provide benefits for certain individuals with

injuries resulting from the administration of a smallpox vaccine.

The budgetary effects of the bill are unknown at this time. If the bill were reported and **Budget Act:**

increased direct spending, however, it would violate section 302, and potentially section 303, of the Budget Act. This would occur because: 1) the bill would increase spending over the allocation of budget authority to the Energy and Commerce Committee, in violation of section 302; and 2) the bill might increase budget authority in fiscal year 2004 - a year for which no budget resolution has been adopted - which would violate section

303.

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Budget Week Page 2 Bill: Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 (H.R. 14).

Committee: Education and the Workforce

Summary: The bill reauthorizes, through 2008, programs under the Child Abuse Prevention and

> Treatment Act, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988. The authorization for these programs expired in 2001 and were continued by the Department of Health and Human Services Appropriations Act of 2002, and the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution of 2003 (Public Law 108-10). The bill also extends authorizations through 2008 for certain

programs authorized under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act.

The bill authorizes appropriations of \$312 million in 2004. The Congressional Budget Cost:

> Office [CBO] estimates that authorizations under the bill will total about \$2.2 billion over the 2004-2008 period. The bill does not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

Budget Act: The bill does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.

Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2003 (H.R. 1104). Bill:

Committee: **Judiciary**

This bill establishes new Federal crimes relating to sexual abuse; increases fines and **Summary:**

prison sentences for such crimes; and makes it easier to investigate sex offenders. The bill directs the Attorney General to assign a national AMBER Alert Coordinator. It provides

grants to States for the development and enhancement of highway notification or communication systems. Additionally, the bill increases authorized appropriations for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and authorizes the use of Community Oriented Policing Services [COPS] grants to assist States in enforcing a convicted sex

offender registration law.

Cost: CBO anticipates that the bill will cost \$45 million in the first year, and \$76 million over 5

years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Revenue may be increased due

to the higher fines.

Budget Act: For purposes of enforcement, the Budget Committee does not take into account criminal

fines because they are too speculative in nature. This bill is not expected to cause a

violation of the Congressional Budget Act.

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